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**Memorandum**

*March 9, 2009  
Agenda Item 4.4*

**Date:** March 3, 2009

**To:** Plans and Programs Committee

**From:** John Hemiup, Senior Transportation Engineer

**Subject:** **East Bay SMART Corridors Program - Operations and Management (O&M) Funding Plan and Activities**

**Action Requested**

It is recommended that the CMA Board approve the programming of \$250,000 to the East Bay SMART Corridors Program Operations and Management (O&M) to address the shortfall in the current fiscal year funding plan. Staff is evaluating reprogramming and exchange options and will present a specific recommendation to the Committee at the meeting. (See related Agenda Item 5.2 on the Administration and Legislation Agenda).

**Discussion**

The East Bay SMART Corridors program is a cooperative effort by the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) and 27 other partner agencies to operate and manage a multi-modal advanced transportation management system along five Corridors. They are: 1) I-80 and I-880 Corridors, 2) the Grand MacArthur Corridor, 3) the I-580 Corridor, 4) the International Blvd/Telegraph Avenue SMART Corridor, and 5) the Tri-Valley SMART Corridor.

**Current Funding Shortfall**

A SMART Corridors O&M Funding Plan was approved by the Board at its May 14, 2007 meeting. That Plan called for a total of \$1,493,000 of funding for the two year period FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09.

Based on the recent FHWA audit of the SMART Corridors Program, it appears only a portion of the available CMAQ funds identified in the O&M Funding Plan can be used on the initial segments of the San Pablo Corridor. The audit indicated that there is a three year restriction on the use of CMAQ funding for operations and management. Therefore, in order to completely fund the O&M costs in the current Plan, approximately \$250,000 of alternative funding must be found. Staff is evaluating options of reprogramming and/or exchanging current funding in the I-880 and I-80 Corridors as well potentially using TFCA funds. A specific programming recommendation will be presented to the Committee at the meeting.

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